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For: Portable Vacuum System
Our Reference No.: 56920-00606**

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- (2) Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages); and
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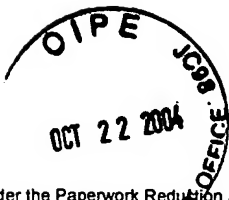
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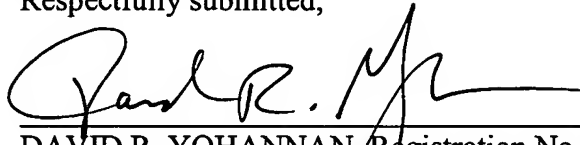
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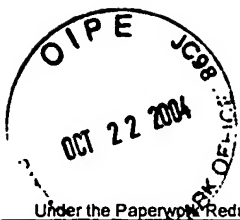
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